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NIH convenes *Marijuana and Cannabinoids: A Neuroscience Research Summit*
Summit also available via VideoCast (registration requested)

What: NIH to host *Marijuana and Cannabinoids: A Neuroscience Research Summit*, focusing on the neurological and psychiatric effects of marijuana, other cannabinoids, and the endocannabinoid system. Both the adverse and the potential therapeutic effects of the cannabinoid system will be discussed.



Why: To ensure evidence-based information is available to inform practice and policy, particularly important at this time given the rapidly shifting landscape regarding the recreational and medicinal use of marijuana.

Who: The meeting is being sponsored by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA); the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA); the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (NCCIH); the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH); and the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS).

When: Tuesday, March 22, 2016
9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. (Check-in begins at 8:00 a.m.)

Wednesday, March 23, 2016
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Check-in begins at 8:00 a.m.)

Where: [Natcher Conference Center \(Building 45\)](#)
National Institutes of Health Campus
9000 Rockville Pike
Bethesda, MD 20814

NOTE: Please allow additional time for check-in at security at the [Gateway Center](#) for the NIH Campus.

Topic Highlights:

- Understanding the Endocannabinoid System
- Brain Development and Function

- Psychosis, Addiction, and Alcohol Interactions
- Psychomotor Performance and Detection
- Therapeutic Potential
- Policy-Related Research

Registration is free. To attend the Summit, please register by sending an email to cdudevoir@seiservices.com with your name and media outlet. Registered press will receive reserved seating and a press pass at the check-in table.

For those unable to attend, the Summit will be available via VideoCast. Please register for the VideoCast here: <http://apps1.seiservices.com/nih/mj/2016/VideoCast.aspx>

NOTE: Some data presented at the Summit may be embargoed. Please contact speakers directly for permission to use data.

For more information on the Summit, including the agenda, poster sessions and parking, transportation and security restrictions, go to:
<http://apps1.seiservices.com/nih/mj/2016/Default.aspx>

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